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SUBJECT: KINSHASA WILL SUPPORT SLOVENIA, UNSURE ON BELARUS

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[¶](#)1. (SBU) Per reftels, Post demarched Ambassador Oscar Matondo, Director for International Organizations at the DRC Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on the candidacy of Belarus for the UN Human Rights Council. Matondo was receptive to the U.S. argument in favor of Slovenia and promised to pass a recommendation of support to the DRC delegation to the UN. He said the DRC inclination was to support the position of regional groups on deciding whom to select for the second vacant spot on the council. Thus, if the East European countries seem unified in not voting for Belarus, or in voting for Bosnia or another third country, the DRC will vote the same way.

[¶](#)2. (SBU) Post asked Matondo why the DRC did not vote for the previous resolution condemning Belarus's human rights record.

Matondo said he had not transmitted any instructions to the DRC UN delegation for the vote on the resolution. He learned after the vote that the delegation had decided that the DRC, as a nation with its own human rights problems, had no business voting to condemn a country in a similar situation.

[¶](#)3. (SBU) As directed reftel, Post consulted with the British and French Embassies. Both had been instructed by their capitals not to demarche the DRC on the grounds that the DRC had not voted for the previous resolution condemning Belarus's human rights record. Both authorized Post to convey their support of Slovenia's candidacy, which Post did in its meeting with Matondo.

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